

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 NEW DE 11621 020306Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-12 ACDA-12 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-13
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 NRC-05 OES-09 SOE-02
DODE-00 DOE-15 SS-15 SP-02 CEQ-01 PM-05 H-01
PA-01 ICA-11 /141 W
-----040380 030117Z /14

R 311221Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3099

S E C R E T NEW DELHI 11621

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TECH, IN, FR
SUBJECT: FRENCH ASSISTANCE WITH INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 190867; (B) STATE 190613; (C) NEW DELHI 10839;
(D) NEW DELHI 11082

1. IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION (REF C), EMBOFF SPOKE TO FRENCH DIPLOMAT ABOUT STIRN'S VISIT. HE REPEATED THAT OFFER OF ENRICHING URANIUM HAD NOT BEEN MADE AND ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT "OURS WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THEM." ON OTHER ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE NUCLEAR COOPERATION, HE WAS RETICENT. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION AS YET THAT THE FRENCH HAVE OFFERED A TRADE OFF ON NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIRAGE F-1. AS FOR SWEDEN'S VIEW OF THE DPSA COMPETITION, WE DO NOT SHARE VIEW THAT INDIANS CONSIDER VIGGEN THE SUPERIOR AIRCRAFT NOR HAVE WE ANY GOOD EVIDENCE THAT FRENCH HAVE PULLED AHEAD OF BRITISH.

2. FYI: AS FOR PRESS REPORT (REF D) THAT STIRN HAD SAID THAT FRANCO-PAKISTANI NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WAS AT A "STAND-STILL," JOURNALIST WHO WROTE STORY TOLD EMBOFF THAT STIRN IN FACT HAD SAID THAT THE DEAL WAS "OFF" AND THAT FRENCH EMBASSY INSISTED TO HIM THAT STIRN MEANT "STANDSTILL" SO HE USED THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 NEW DE 11621 020306Z

TERM. BY TIME EMBOFF TALKED TO FRENCH, THE WORD WAS THAT STIRN MEANT THERE WAS NO CHANGE. END FYI.
GOHEEN

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NUCLEAR FUELS, PROGRAM ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978NEWDE11621
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780317-0214
Format: TEL
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978073/aaaaacoo.tel
Line Count: 60
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6a9a8a6e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 190867, 78 STATE 190613, 78 NEW DELHI 10839, 78 NEW DELHI 11082
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1915818
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRENCH ASSISTANCE WITH INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM
TAGS: MASS, TECH, IN, FR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6a9a8a6e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014